GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

TOURISM – Addendum to the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Policy 2024-2029 for inclusion of initiatives for promotion of Caravan Tourism in the State – Orders - Issued.

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT, TOURISM AND CULTURE(T) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 31 **Dated: 07-10-2025**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.17, Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture (T) Department, Dated:10.12.2024.
2. From CEO, APTA proposal in e.file.C.No.2893147.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Policy 2024-2029 has been issued with an aim to create a robust ecosystem that fosters private investment growth by streamlining approval processes, offering incentives and implementing investor-friendly policies, specially focusing on developing anchor destinations to serve as key hubs, attracting both Domestic and International tourists. The Section 4.2.4 of the Tourism Policy 2024-2029 focuses on development of Caravan Parks and Caravans for enhancing the traveller convenience and comfort by developing modern and sustainable wayside amenities for tourists in remote and restricted areas.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority has proposed an Addendum to the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Policy 2024-2029 for inclusion of initiatives for promotion of Caravan Tourism in the State, which seeks to outline the essential guiding principles and criteria for the implementation and operation of Caravans and Caravan Parks. This includes safety and security measures, procedures for destination development, the construction of parking bays with requisite services, the provision of restroom facilities, and responsibilities pertaining to health and hygiene, along with eco-friendly practices and specific incentives applicable to Caravan Tourism.

3. Government, after careful consideration of the suggestions of the stakeholders and bench marking with other States such as Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra and in line with Caravan Park Guidelines of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, hereby approve the Addendum to the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Policy 2024-2029 for inclusion of initiatives for promotion of Caravan Tourism in the State as appended to this order. However, all the incentives under the Addendum provided to both Caravan & Caravan parks subject to a cap of Rs.5.00 crores in a year.

4. The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

5. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide Finance U.O.No.FMU0PC(GAD2)/27/2025, dated:15.09.2025 (C.No.2846040).

6. The order is available online and can be accessed at https://goir.gov.in.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, AP Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Vijayawada.
The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority, Vijayawada.
The Chief Executive Officer, AP State Creativity and Culture Commission, Vijayawada.
The Chief Executive Officer, A.P Shilparamam Society.
The Director of Archaeology & Museums, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhawan, A.P., Vijayawada
The P.S. to Additional Secretary to Chief Minister.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.
The OSD to Minister for T,C&C
The Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
The Secretary to Government, Industries & Commerce Department.
The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue (Lands, R&S) Department.
The Secretary to Government, Law Department.
The all Departments of Secretariat,
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Mangalgiri.
The Deputy Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
All District Collectors through Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority, Vijayawada.
All Sections in the Department.
Sf/Sc.(C.No.2895063)

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE

(Annexure to G.O.MS.N0.31, YAT&C(T) DEPARTMENT, Dt:07.10.2025)

Addendum

After para (i) under sub-section 3 of Section 4.2.4 of the G.O.Ms.No.17, YAT&C (T) Dept., dt.10.12.2024, the following shall be added, namely: -

ii) **Caravan Tourism Promotion Initiatives**

a. Targets

i. Develop 25 Caravan Parks across the major tourist circuits in Andhra Pradesh within the next 5 years, ensuring access to essential and eco-friendly amenities.

ii. Plying of 150 caravans to enhance mobility and accommodation in remote and underserved destinations.

iii. Generate over 5,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities by involving local communities in caravan services, hospitality, and cultural experiences.

iv. Increase tourist footfall by 20% annually in targeted regions through improved accessibility and unique travel experiences.

b. Specifications

Caravan: – "Motor Caravan" means a special purpose Category M vehicle constructed to include living accommodation which contains at least the following equipment in accordance with the requirements stated in AIS 124:2014 and as amended from time to time:

i. Seats and table;

ii. Sleeping accommodation which may be converted from the seats; cooking facilities; and

iii. Storage facilities, which may be rigidly fixed to the living compartment.

iv. Provided that the table may be designed to be easily removable (Rule 2 (z)(a) & 125 (G) of Central Motor Vehicles Rules,1989)

c. Caravan Parks: As defined in Policy for Development and Promotion of Caravan and Caravan Camping Parks of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

d. Types of Caravan Parks

i. **State-of-the-art Caravan Parks**

The state-of-the-art Caravan Parks are intended for the overnight and for the extended periods of stay. Full-fledged facilities as per the guidelines mentioned above need to be provided as part of the same, such as Reception, Kitchen, Dormitory, Electricity, Sewage Connection, Toilets and Bathrooms.

ii. **Day Caravan Parks**

Caravan Parks can also be envisaged as parks operating in the Day time only as Day Parks. Day parks are intended for one day tours/ visitors not intending to stay overnight. Only minimal facilities such as toilet facilities, kitchen and cafe shall be incorporated as part of the Day Park.

iii. **Hybrid Caravan Parks**

Caravan parks set up as part of a resort having accommodation facilities and caravan lots can also be booked by the visitors for parking their Caravan and for their stay. The facilities as per the guidelines mentioned above need to be provided from the resorts.

iv. **Caravan Parks under APTDC Properties**

APTDC/ Department of Tourism can set up Caravan Parks in the land parcels having tourism potential at various locations. The facilities can be operated in the suitable places, with minimum facilities.

v. **Caravan Parks by Other Departments**

Departments which have unutilised land parcels adjacent to places of tourism potential can be established & promoted Caravan Parks as a nonintrusive development option to provide employment opportunities & economic benefits to the local community.

e. Levy of Fees for using Caravan

The Government shall determine the fee structure for the use of Caravan Parks developed by government agencies. Private developers of Caravan Parks may charge fees based on prevailing market rates.

Until dedicated Caravan Parks are fully developed, Caravan Operators may utilize APTDC properties for parking purposes, subject to the rates defined by APTDC.

f. Different Types of Activities permitted in the Caravan Parks

Recreational and Leisure Activities	**Cultural & Community Engagement**
• Camping and bonfire zones (in designated safe areas) • Outdoor games (e.g., badminton, volleyball, frisbee) • Nature walks and birdwatching • Cycling and trekking tracks (if terrain permits) • Yoga and wellness sessions	• Local craft and handloom exhibitions • Folk music and dance performances • Regional cooking demonstrations • Storytelling or heritage talks by local guides
Eco-Tourism & Educational Activities	**Food & Hospitality Services**
• Guided eco-tours and biodiversity awareness walks • Workshops on sustainable living and waste management • Tree planting or eco-volunteering programs • Astronomy nights (stargazing with telescopes)	• Mobile food trucks or local cuisine stalls • Picnic and barbecue areas • Community kitchens for caravan users • Farm-to-table dining experiences (where applicable)
Family & Child-Friendly Activities	**Essential Services & Utilities**
• Children's play zones • Educational nature trails • Art and craft corners for kids • Pet-friendly zones (if permitted)	• Sanitation and waste disposal stations • Drinking water and power supply points • First-aid and emergency response facilities • Charging stations for electric caravans

g. Insurance

i. All Caravan Operators shall mandatorily obtain and maintain the following insurance coverage for Motor Caravans:

ii. Comprehensive Vehicle Insurance, covering the caravan, its passengers, and all internal fittings;

iii. Third-party Liability Insurance, covering any damage or injury caused to third parties, including persons, property, or infrastructure during the course of operation.

iv. A Public liability insurance certificate is mandatory as per applicable rules under the M.V. Act and Public liability insurance Act.

h. Registration of Caravan

i. Registering a caravan vehicle with the Transport Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh is mandatory, and both the caravan operator and the caravan park must also be registered with the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority (APTA).

ii. The Caravan Tourism vehicle must comply with the CMVR rules issued by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India. The vehicles should comply with AIS124 for type approval by the Transport Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

i. Approvals for Caravan and Caravan Parks

S. No	Registration	Department	Requirement	Registration fee
1.	Registration of Caravan Vehicle	Transport Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority	Mandatory	a. As per AIS-124, only type-approved motor caravans and motor caravans built by approved body builders on registered vehicles not older than three years are eligible for registration. b. Registration fee, service fee depending on the type of vehicle as per the Central Motor Vehicle rules and A.P.M.V. Rules. c. Registration validity is coterminous

				with fitness validity as per rule 62 and 52 (4) of CMV Rules. d. Fitness tests fee as per the existing norms under CMVR. e. A penalty will be imposed for each month of delay in submitting the application after the registration validity, in accordance f. The taxes to be paid for operation of vehicle as per the VI schedule of APMV taxation Act, 1963 and rules made there under. (to be amended by the Govt.) g. The permit should be obtained for operation under tourist category. h. Insurance, Pollution under control certificate is mandatory. i. Driver of the motor caravan should be possessed with driving license authorized by RTA

2.	Registration of Caravan Tour Operator and Caravan Park	Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority, Govt. of AP	Mandatory	a. Registration fee Rs.2,000 b. Renewal for every 3 years c. Fee for renewal is Rs.2,000 d. A penalty of Rs. 5,000 will be imposed for each month of delay in submitting the application after the registration validity.

j. Incentives for Caravan and Caravan Parks

All the incentives which are mentioned in the "Andhra Pradesh Tourism Policy 2024-2029 vide G.O.Ms.No.17 of Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture(T) Department dated: 10.12.2024 read with Operational Guidelines of AP Tourism Policy 2024-29 issued vide G.O.Ms.No.15, dated 26.06.2025 shall be applicable to Caravan and Caravan Parks subject to fulfilling the conditions mentioned therein. In addition to the above incentives, and to further encourage caravan tourism in the state, the following additional incentives will be provided to Caravans;

Reimbursement of Road Tax

Reimbursement of Life tax of the Caravans registered in Andhra Pradesh. The reimbursement shall be disbursed on first-come-first-serve basis and those registering first shall have an opportunity to complete 1 year of operations earlier and thereby becoming eligible for claiming the incentives.

- First 25 Caravans— 100% of the life tax, up to a maximum of INR 3,00,000/- per vehicle.
- 26^{th} to 38^{th} Caravans— 50% of the life tax, up to a maximum of INR 2,00,000/- per vehicle.
- 39^{th} to 50^{th} Caravans— 25% of the life tax, up to a maximum of INR 1,00,000/- per vehicle.

The above incentive shall be reimbursed in 5 equal annual instalments over 5 years. Second-hand vehicles purchased and re-registered in Andhra Pradesh shall not be considered for any kind of incentives and benefits.

k. Land allotment for Caravan Parks

The Government encourages private enterprises to establish Caravan Parks by utilizing their own land or acquiring land from private sources.

In cases where government land is to be leased for such projects, the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Land Allotment Policy 2024–2029, issued under G.O.Ms.No.1, dated 11.03.2025, shall apply.

l. Other Approvals

The Caravan Park operators shall obtain approvals from concerned departments for electrical connections, water connections, approval of lands, wastage disposal, fire safety, pollution and any other permission required for construction/ operation of Caravan Park.

The aforesaid approvals will be sought from State Single Window Portal.

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